

# River Region Art Association Newsletter



April 2009

## From the President

Time to remind our docents! Docents, please remember that when we sign up a new member, not only do we need to fill out an application, it is also helpful to have the same information recorded on the Receipt Slip with their first and last names, mailing address, zip, date, and indicate what the transaction is for, such as the 2009 year membership or art sale or hanging fees or workshop. It also needs to be entered on the new Income Accountability Sheet. When we make a sale for a workshop or class, indicate the instructor's name, the workshop name, and date. If it's for hanging fees (exhibit fees) record the above information plus the artist's number. If it's for selling a piece of artwork, indicate the artist, the artist's number, and the name of the work. Sign the Receipt Slip with your first and last name on the bottom, and give the customer the "pink slip" copy. Staple the "yellow slip" in the EAR Book if it's a sale or to the Registration form if it's a workshop or class. Then remember to enter the transaction in the new Income Accountability Sheet. Thank you so much.

Betty

## OUR NEWSLETTER HAS A NEW NAME!

The president wanted to change the newsletter's name. She thought that the words "River Region" ought to be in the name to identify us, so the Board made the decision to rename the current newsletter as the **River Region Art Association Newsletter**.



## BOARD MEETING

Present for the Board meeting were Betty Marks, president; Carolin Milner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Gene Ferguson, website manager and member-at-large, Jan Hebert, member-at-large; and two member visitors, Shirley Russell and Mary Crochet.

Board members need to attend every meeting; if you will be absent, please contact Betty Marks at 647-0595 to let her know. Thank you.

## GENERAL MEETING

Three members attended the General Meeting in addition to Carolin Milner, Gene Ferguson, and Jan Hebert. They are Donna Smith, Robert and JoAnn Martinez. Thank you for your participation.

## RRAA RECEIVES SMALL BUSINESS NOMINATION!!!

The night of March 12, Betty Marks, Donna Braud, and Linda Simms attended the Ascension Chamber of Commerce Banquet. River Region was nominated for the Small Business of the Year Award! Allied Waste Services turned out the winner, but our members were able to promote our gallery location, and show what we do on a big screen presentation in front of about 300+ people. Thank you, ladies. We know it meant dollars out of your pockets to attend this function. Again, we all thank you.



## WE HAVE A WINNER!

Our writing artist, Sylvia Rochester, won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Inspiration Category with EPIC for her book, Shadow of the Soul! EPIC stands for Electronic Press Internet Connection. It has around 800 members and their annual contest EPPIE is open to others. There were about 1500 entries in all categories.



## WINNERS OF MARCH INTO ART

	<u>Age 11 &amp; under</u>	<u>Age 12-17</u>	
<b>Painting</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Kevin Shen	1 <sup>st</sup> Laura Derocher	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyla D'arensberg	2 <sup>n</sup> Kaitlyn Fitch	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lauren Wall	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aaron Alex	
	Hon Mention Hunter Ordeneaux	Hon Mention Brian Payton	
<b>Drawing</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Vaughn Ehrman	1 <sup>st</sup> Whitney Martin	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ava Landry	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monique Loque	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> McKenzie Hebert	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aaron Alexis	
	Hon Mention Ava Valentine	Hon Mention Kelsi Demaurex	
<b>Photography</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Noah Guttery	1 <sup>st</sup> Christine Guttery	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Christopher Bourgeois	2 <sup>nd</sup> Whitney Martin	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grace Guttery	3 <sup>rd</sup> Alana Rogers	
	Hon Mention Christopher Bourgeois	Hon Mention Christine Guttery	
<b>3-Dimensional</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Hunter Ordeneaux	1 <sup>st</sup> Matthew Hawkins	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ally Schexnaydre	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hailey Manint	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Matthew Derocher	3 <sup>rd</sup> Christine Guttery	
	Hon Mention Macy Bush	Hon Mention Madelyn Fontenot	

St. Theresa of Avila Catholic School won the Louisiana Art Spirit Award. Their school had the most entries.

River Region Art Association sincerely appreciates the time and effort of those who helped Saturday, March 28 at the gallery for the March into Art youth exhibit presentations of ribbons and prizes and the Children's Creativity Day. The members who worked with the day's activities whether inside or outside were Terry Farrel, Donna Braud, Carolyn Bowman, Mary Crochet, John Robbins, Betty Marks, DJ Smith, Chloe Daniel, Cy Rawls, Tasha Kelly, and Shirley Russell.

A big, special THANK YOU to **Terry Farrell** who coordinated everything for this huge event that was



well attended by the public, and to **Donna Braud** who was in charge of the publicity!



### ASCENSION BUSINESS NETWORK INVITES RRAA AS SPEAKER!

Betty Marks, our president, did us a second favor this month and attended the meeting of the Ascension Business Network and told them about our association. ABN is a group of businesses that patronize each other's business. Betty explained our art organization purpose and asked that they would help us to find another location with more street traffic. Thank you, Betty, for taking the time to do this for us.

### NEW DESIGN FOR OUR RRAA BROCHURE

Carolyn Milner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, volunteered to create a new design for our RRAA brochure with updated information and photographs. The Board accepted her offer. Thank you, Carolyn!



## ART GUMBO COMMUNITY MARKET

Donna Braud, Public Relations, announced an "open air" community market with creative and original fine art, folk art, jewelry, crafts and other homemade and homegrown items for sale Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. under the trees at River Region Art Association's art gallery in Gonzales. Bring your friends and shop for gifts or for yourself! The market is located just off Airline Hwy. near Hwy. 44 (Burnside). More Art Gumbo Community Markets will follow every third Saturday of the month.

If interested in a booth for your work...they are free, but you must be juried in by the River Region Art Association Board. Applications are online at [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org) or can be picked up at the art gallery on Magnolia Ave. Call Donna at 225/328-7354 for more information about a booth.

Remember the ART GUMBO COMMUNITY MARKETS FOR 2009. Write the dates on your calendar!

April 18, 2009

August 15, 2009

September 19, 2009

May 16, 20089

October 17, 2009

June 20, 2009

November 14, 2009

July 18, 2009

December 5, 12, and 19, 2009



## APRIL ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH

Our April artist-of-the-month is Carolyn Bowman! Her work will be featured on display at the gallery from April 1 through April 30. All members are especially invited to come by and view her artwork. We need to stand together this year and support all those who participate in any way!

I've always referred to myself as a "Jack of all trades and master of none" says Carolyn. I'm a totally right-brained person so that engaging in any form of art is right up my alley. The problem is that like many hyperactive right-brained people I try out one form for a time and when I've done that for a while I find something else that pulls my interest and time.

As a preacher's kid I grew up in the church and music was my first love. I was given a paint-by-number painting set and — Surprise! Surprise! I found out why one might want to put a strange color in a funny place on the picture — for depth and shading. During my freshman year in college, someone asked me to make posters for the football games, and I found I liked drawing and art. I took minors in art and music and began to try out theater. I began painting in oil for fun during and after college.

Career, marriage, and children filled my life during my middle age, but there was always one form of art or another. I got into ceramics because you could make great Christmas, birthday, and or special occasion gifts. They come in handy when you are not rich. I began to make Gingerbread Houses for my two boys for their school classes.

That has become one of my art forms that has lasted and improved over the years. I got into the Baton Rouge Little Theater and the Gilbert and Sullivan Society for all sorts of theater activities, from painting sets and sewing costumes to acting and singing. I drove from Baton Rouge to Gonzales to take Oil Painting lessons from Sue Sickel. I took leisure courses at LSU in drawing, Chinese ink drawing, watercolor, Dulcimer playing, and stained glass. When I build a house in Prairieville, I set out to build a stained glass for my front door and one for my bathroom window and have done little else since.

I moved to Prairieville in 2005 and soon joined the River Region Art Association. I was retired and had time on my hands, and I wanted to get back into art. I have enjoyed classes in watercolor, in pen and ink drawing, and in carving decoys. Each Tuesday I paint in acrylics with Michelle Conque at **Merging of the Arts** in Denham Springs. I am involved in the Ascension Community Theater and the Baton Rouge Little Theater when I get a chance.

I am not now and never will be a "master" artist, and though I, like most artists, agonize over the work while I'm doing it, I really love doing it.



## GO GREEN!

River Region Art Association will join with Gonzales Tanger Outlet Mall and Harry & David to present "A Greener World" Art Show on April 4, 2009 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. This art show is open to three divisions: adults (18+), youth ages 12-17 and youth ages 11 and under. The theme of "A Greener World" should relate to agriculture, nature, food harvest, farming, orchards, flower gardens, trees etc....

And anything pertaining to making our world GREENER !

Take in for paintings, drawings, and three-dimensional art will be March 28, 31, April 1, 2, 3 at River Region Art Gallery in Gonzales. (644-8496)

Rules and prizes are listed at [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org) The show will be judged with awards and ribbons given. The public will also be given a chance to pick their own winner and vote for the People's Choice Award of the whole show.

River Region artists will present children's free art activities at the Mall on April 4 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be "A Greener World" Garden Hunt for the kids with sweet surprises. Music will be provided at the event by Cajun artist, Gaynelle Moore. The winners of the "Greener World" Art show will be on display at River Region Art Gallery for viewing from April 7-18 Tuesday- Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Check [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org) for entry form or call 225/328-7354 for more information.



### ACRYLIC LOVERS SAVE THIS DATE!

Our president, Betty Marks, scheduled a free acrylics workshop for Saturday, August 29, from 2-5 p.m. with the Atelier Interactive acrylic paint people. They will furnish all acrylic paints; while we will be expected to furnish our own canvas or paper and brushes. There are only 25 reserved spaces on a first-come, first-serve basis for paid members. Be sure to contact Betty at 647-0595 to reserve a space! Put this date on your calendar! See you there!!!



### AROUND THE WORLD WITH ART

"Around the World" is the art theme for April at the River Region Art Gallery. The topic is broad ..... you have the whole world to paint, draw, photograph or express with three-dimensional art. It can be a German castle, an African jungle scene, a mountain in Colorado, a plate of spicy Mexican food, a Chinese sculpture, a snow scene in Alaska, a memory from your favorite trip or a person you captured in native costume. Just use your imagination to express the world with art! Both adults and youth may enter. Each person is allowed two free entries. The show will be judged and ribbons awarded. Bring your artworks to River Region Art Gallery in Gonzales from April 1-15. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 644-8496 or visit online at [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org).



### SUMMER YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Kids are already thinking about summer vacation! But what will they do all summer? River Region Art Gallery offers Youth Summer Workshops to give the kids a chance to express their creativity. The classes will be held June 8-11 and also another session June 15-18. The fee is \$45 per week with all supplies furnished.

For children ages 6-7 there will be **Mixed Media** classes including watercolor, colored pencils, acrylics, and printmaking. Students will learn color, values, texture, and perspective. For children ages 8-14 there will be three class choices offered each week. 1) **Painting with Acrylics** will involve learning value, color, texture and perspective using techniques with acrylic paint. 2) **Drawing** will include sketching and a value study with still life. Children will use charcoal, gray tone pastels, and both colored and metallic pencils. 3) **Sculpture** will be taught using air dry and porcelain clay. Children will create with paper mache and make a mobile.

Classes are limited to 10 students each. The classes are on a first-come first-serve basis. Registration is at River Region Art Gallery, open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10a.m. - 4 p.m. [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org) or call 644-8496. Teachers will be River Region Art Association members Jan Hebert, Mary Crochet, Carolyn Milner, and Vickie Durfey.

**Board Meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. due to next week being Easter Week**